VENDURUTHI—INADEQUACY OF ROADS AND FOOT-PATHS

275. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എ. പീറർ : താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ശ്രദ്ധേയത്തിൽ നിന്നും മയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അവർകൾ വെണ്ടുരുത്തി സന്ദർശിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) അവിടെ ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗതാഗതത്തിനുതകുന്ന ഒരു പൊതു നിരത്തുപോലുമില്ലെന്നു കാണ്മും മന്ത്രി അവർകളുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിന് അടിയന്തിരമായി നിവൃത്തിയുണ്ടാക്കുമോ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ (എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) ഉണ്ട്.

(സി) കാര്യം ആലോചനയിലിരിക്കുന്നു.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY IN LITTORAL AREAS

276. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and if so, what action has been taken to fulfil the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister in the last Budget Session of the Council regarding the supply of fresh water in the littoral tracts ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: This question is engaging the attention of the Committee, appointed for the purpose. One. Mr. C. J. Rangaswami Ayyangar, a tube well expert, has also been brought down from Madras to try tube wells in the littoral tracts. He has put in about 6 trial borings and sunk test tube wells in 3 or 4 places in the worst Vypin area and found good potable water in all of them from the deep water-bearing sand. He assures good supply of potable water in the area through tube wells even in summer. Further results of his investigation are awaited.

KALOOR—PAREPARAMBIL LANE—IMPROVEMENT OF

277. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a petition was received by the Hon'ble Minister from the inhabitants of Kaloor of Elamkulam village for the construction of a half-mile road by

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levelling and metalling Pareparambil lane and if so, what action has been taken on it; and

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that some land owners on either side of the lane are removing earth from the said lane for raising the boundary lands of their compounds and thereby causing serious inconvenience to the passers by on the said lane?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Yes. The request is receiving the attention of Government.

(*b*) Yes. Action is being taken to remove the encroachments.

PANCHAYAT CLERKS—INFORMATION REGARDING

278. Mr. M. L. Joseph *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the grade of pay now allowed to Panchayat clerks;

(*b*) whether the Panchayat clerks are eligible for increments and promotions like clerks in other departments;

(*c*) whether most of the Panchayat clerks are not people with S. S. L. C. qualification;

(*d*) whether posts of Panchayat clerks are pensionable;

(*e*) whether the posts of these clerks are classified with menial posts?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Rs. 15 and Rs. 14.

(*b*) Yes, in respect of promotions they are eligible; but for increments there is no time-scale.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

JACOBITES—THROWN-OUT HANDS—REAPPOINTMENT OF

279. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of candidates belonging to the Jacobite community who have put in acting service and who are unemployed now;

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